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On behalf of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement of the Presidency of the European Union on the Initiative of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, issued in Rome and in Brussels on 29 April 1996 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement on the Initiative of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea issued by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union supports the proposal of the United States and the Republic of Korea to hold four-party talks between the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China and the United States with a view to achieving a stable and permanent peace on the Korean peninsula.

The European Union hopes that, as a result, a constructive dialogue between all the parties concerned, which it considers necessary for the fostering of stability on the Korean peninsula and for security for the whole North-East Asian region, could be put again on track.